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ISTERS' MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JUNE 12, 1978: SUMMARY OF
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REPORTING

1. THE LAST FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION
OF THE DANISH EC PRESIDENCY WAS MOSTLY TAKEN UP WITH THE GREEK-
TURKEY EQUATION IN THE ENLARGEMENT PROCESS AND A DISCUSSION OF
ZAIRE. A RECAPITULATION OF OUR SEVEN REPORTING CABLES IS SET OUT
BELOW.

2. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLCOUNS WERE GIVEN THE READOUT THIS MORNING (JUNE 13) BY DANISH MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PETER DYVIG AND EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF JORGEN BOJER. ALTHOUGH THE MEETING ITSELF BROKE UP ABOUT 1600 YESTERDAY, THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS ENGAGED YESTERDAY EVENING IN CALLING IN THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS HERE AND IN PUTTING FINAL TOUCHES ON BRIEFING PAPERS FOR DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

3. APART FROM PROVIDING A READOUT ON THE JUNE 12 MEETING, DYVIG SPECULATED ON THE UPCOMING JULY 6-7 EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF STATE/GOV'T.) MEETING IN BREMEN UNDER THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER ANY "POLITICAL COOPERATION" TOPICS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. IF SO, THESE WILL BE "PREPPED" BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE MARGIN OF THE JUNE 27 COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG. IN ANY CASE, THE SCHEDULED JUNE 28-29 FINAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN WILL ALSO BE HELD - DESPITE SOME THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE SCRUBBED.

4. RECAPITULATION:

A. DANISH PRESS TREATMENT OF THE MEETING, WHICH WAS RELATIVELY EXTENSIVE BUT SUPERFICIAL AND SOMETIMES INACCURATE, FOCUSED ON "GREEK MEMBERSHIP" AND THE FAILURE TO PRESSURE SOUTH AFRICA (COPENHAGEN 3905).

B. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S POST-MEETING PRESS STATEMENT
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C. ENLARGEMENT - TANDEM DECISIONS TAKEN ON HOW TO EASE GREECE (AND SPAIN AND PORTUGAL) INTO POLITICAL COOPERATION AND ON THE "TURKEY OFFSET." THE LATTER WILL INVOLVE SOMETHING APPROACHING "CONSULTATIONS" WITH THE TURKS AS THE GREEKS MOVE CLOSER TO THE EC AND WILL BE HANDLED ON THE EC SIDE THROUGH A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TURKS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESENT, PRECEDING AND SUCCEEDING EC PRESIDENCIES (COPENHAGEN 3903).

D. ZAIRE - A LENGTHY DISCUSSION. DANES AND IRISH EXPRESSLY RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS AND ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS NOT AN AREA FOR COMMON EC ACTION OR ENGAGEMENT (COPENHAGEN 3901).

E. SOUTH AFRICA - NOTHING DECIDED ON INCREASED EC PRESSURES AND ENTIRE QUESTION WAS HANDED BACK TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE. DANES OBVIOUSLY DISTRESSED OVER FAILURE TO MAKE PROGRESS DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THEM (COPENHAGEN 3898).

F. COOPERATION AT THE 33RD UNGA - TWO AREAS OF INCREASED EC COOPERATION IDENTIFIED: PEACEKEEPING AND HUMAN RIGHTS (COPENHAGEN 3902).

G. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - GERMANS AGREED TO CONTINUE DANISH EFFORTS TO INCREASE ITS STATURE AND COUNCIL/COMMISSION RELATIONS TO IT (COPENHAGEN
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